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SUBJECT: NICOSIA EAC SECURITY PLANNING FOR UPCOMING
NOVEMBER 17 DEMONSTRATION

¶1. (SBU) On 11/13/2008, the A/DCM chaired an Emergency Action Committee (EAC) meeting to review the security measures for the planned demonstration by the Pan Cyprian Federation of Student Unions (POFEN) to be held on November 17, 2008 in the vicinity of the US Embassy. In attendance were RSO, POL, DEA, ECON, CLO, GSO, IPO, MGMT, MSG, RA, CON and PA.

¶2. (SBU) The purpose of the demonstration is to commemorate the anniversary of the final day (November 17, 1973) of the protest by students at Athens' Polytechnic University against the military junta that ruled Greece during the period 1967 - ¶1974. The demonstration is scheduled to begin at 1030 hours and continue until 1300 hours. Cypriot police officials estimate between 500 to 2000 students will attend. Based on attendance at the last three November 17th demonstrations, RSO believes fewer than 500 students will attend.

¶3. (SBU) EAC members reviewed the response planning for this demonstration and found the security measures and host nation police support to be adequate given the current threat information. Post will continue to monitor the threat environment and will reconvene if necessary.

¶4. (SBU) POC is ARSO Bleu Lawless. Tel: 357-22-393567.
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